

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Hiroshi Hirokoshi ATTY DOCKET NO. 09792909-5831
SERIAL NO. 10/796,655 GROUP ART UNIT: 2813
FILING DATE: March 9, 2004 EXAMINER: T. S. Pham
INVENTION: "METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE,
AND A MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE"

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT"

Commissioner for Patents
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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated October 19, 2005. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

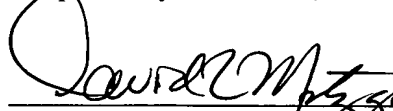
ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-13 drawn to a method for manufacturing a magnetic memory device, and Group II claims 15-20 drawn to a magnetic memory device.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elects Group I claims 1-7 drawn to a method for manufacturing a magnetic memory device.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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